

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A covered food storage container having a food cutting board surface therein, the covered container comprising:
 - (A) a food storage container defining an open top; and
 - (B) a cover unit including
 - (a) a cover configured and dimensioned to close said open top; and
 - (b) a food cutting board ~~surface~~ secured to said cover for movement therewith as a unit, said cover including inwardly extending lips for securing said food cutting board to said cover;
said cover unit being movable between
 - (i) a covering orientation wherein said cover is removably secured to said container to close said open top thereof, with said cutting board ~~surface~~ being disposed entirely within the covered container, and
 - (ii) a cutting board orientation wherein said cover is removed from said container so as to expose said open top thereof and inverted so as to enable cutting on said cutting board ~~surface~~.
2. (currently amended) The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said container and said cover are formed of a first plastic, and said cutting board ~~surface~~ is formed of a material harder than said first plastic.
3. (currently amended) The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said cutting board ~~surface~~ is manually separable from said cover.
4. (currently amended) The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said cover additionally defines spout means extending from adjacent said cutting board ~~surface~~ to a

location remotely spaced from said cover to facilitate manual movement of cut food from said cutting board ~~surface to~~ a remote location.

5. (currently amended) The covered container of Claim 1 wherein ~~said cover defines inwardly extending lips, and said cutting board surface defines peripheral~~ recesses configured and dimensioned to releasably receive said lips.

6. (currently amended) The covered container of Claim 1 wherein ~~said cover additionally defines inwardly extending lips extending below and overlapping said cutting board surface.~~

7. (currently amended) The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said cutting board ~~surface is~~ more rigid than said cover.

8. (currently amended) A covered food storage container having a food cutting board ~~surface therein~~, the covered container comprising:

(A) a food storage container defining an open top; and

(B) a cover unit including

(a) a cover configured and dimensioned to close said open top; and

(b) a food cutting board ~~surface~~ releasably secured to said cover for movement therewith as a unit;

said cover unit being movable between

(i) a covering orientation wherein said cover is removably secured to said container to close said open top thereof, with said cutting board ~~surface~~ being disposed entirely within the covered container, and

(ii) a cutting board orientation wherein said cover is removed from said container so as to expose said open top thereof and inverted so as to enable cutting on said cutting board ~~surface~~;

said container and said cover being formed of a first plastic, and said cutting board ~~surface~~ being formed of a material harder than said first plastic;

said cover additionally defining spout means extending from adjacent said cutting board ~~surface~~ to a location remotely spaced therefrom to facilitate manual movement of cut food from said cutting board ~~surface~~ to a remote location.